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EXDIS FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM NIMETZ

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SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA

REF: STATE 71751

SECRETARY FOR HARTMAN; EMBASSY VIENNA FOR LEDSKY

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL TELEPHONED ME AFTERNOON OF APRIL 1 TO REPORT ON ANKARA'S PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR IMPROVED NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS, AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL.

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2. THE AMBASSADOR OPENED CONVERSATION COMPLAINING THAT GREEK CYPRIOT'S DELIBERATE LEAKAGE OF TERRITORIAL PROPOSAL TO THE PRESS HAD BEEN A VIOLATION OF EARLIER UNDERSTANDINGS; DESIGNED TO EMBARRASS TURKISH SIDE AND COMPLICATE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. IN ADDITION, THE INCLUSION OF TWO CANTONS WAS A CLEAR BREACH OF WHAT THE TURKS FELT HAD BEEN A COMMITMENT BY THE ARCHBISHOP TO TABLE A BIZONAL

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PROPOSAL. FINALLY, ESENBEL CONCLUDED, THE GREEK CYPRIOT MAP HAD BEEN DRAWN IN A WAY THAT IGNORED COMMITMENT MADE IN MAKARIOS-DENKTASH TALKS THAT PROPOSALS SHOULD PROMOTE ECONOMIC VIABILITY AND PHYSICAL SECURITY FOR EACH OF THE CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES.

3. FOR THE ABOVE REASONS ANKARA BELIEVED DENKTASH WOULD NOT WANT HIS NEGOTIATOR TO DISCUSS SUCH AN UNACCEPTABLE PROPOSAL. INSTEAD THE GREEK CYPRIOTS SHOULD BE TOLD TO RECONSIDER AND SUBMIT A BETTER PROPOSAL.

4. I TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THIS WAS NOT A VERY USEFUL STANCE AND THAT IT SEEMED TO VIOLATE COMMITMENT MADE TO CLIFFORD TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL SUSTAINED NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON CONCRETE PROPOSALS. WE DO NOT EXPECT TURKISH SIDE TO ACCEPT THE OPENING GREEK PROPOSAL, JUST AS WE DO NOT EXPECT THE GREEK SIDE TO ACCEPT THE TURKISH CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL. WE DO HOWEVER BELIEVE THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD DISCUSS HOW EACH OTHER'S PROPOSAL COULD BE IMPROVED.

5. ESENBEL THEN RELENTED SOMEWHAT AND INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO EXPLAIN OUR CONCERNS TO MFA SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG WHO WILL BE CONTACTING THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO SUGGEST THAT AN EFFORT BE MADE TO WORK OUT MORE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONAN. HE COULD NOT PROMISE, HOWEVER, WHEN OR IF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE.
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